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THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

The Indiana State Library was created in 1825. Since 1925 control of the library has been vested in the Indiana Library and Historical Board. In 1933 the library moved into its present quarters, the State Library and Historical Building, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4.

Originally created for the use of state officials, the library since 1903 has served the entire state through loans to other libraries and direct loans to individuals in areas without local library service. In 1925 the State Library absorbed the Public Library Commission and has since served as the library extension agency of the state.

It is a depository for federal documents and for books in braille and talking book records. Its special collections include materials for genealogical research, the state archives, Indiana newspapers, and all types of material relating to Indiana.

Two other libraries are also housed in the same building: the Indiana Academy of Science Library and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library of the Indiana Historical Society.

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LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PLAN REVISION PROPOSAL

Announcement of the Library Certification Board for study and criticism

Mrs. Harriet E. Bard, president of the Indiana Library Certification Board, announces the following tentative proposal for revision of the library certification plan.

The Board urges all trustees and librarians to study the proposal carefully and to send their criticisms and suggestions to any member of the Board not later than August 1. Local library boards are asked to discuss this important matter at their July meeting, or at a special meeting in July.

It is expected that work will be completed on the revision in time to make it effective January 1, 1952, if possible. It would then take the place of the present plan, ten years after the Law of 1941 became effective.

The proposed revision, as it now stands, not only represents the work of certification staff and board over a period of five years,

but also incorporates the results of more recent consultation with librarians, trustees and representatives of library training in Indiana.

Aims of Revision:

- (1) To simplify the present plan by reducing the number of certificates and improving their designation and the distinction between certificates.
- (2) To relate grades of certificates to levels of education and training fundamentally, getting away from the present confusion caused by designating certificates according to types of positions.
- (3) To maintain standards of librarianship which are related as closely as is practicable to accepted standards of professional training for an educational service.

PROPOSED REVISION (TENTATIVE)

Proposed Grades and Qualifications

LIBRARIAN I

College degree
plus 1 yr. accredited lib. training
plus 3 (5?) yrs. accredited (gen'l) exper.

LIBRARIAN II

College degree
plus 1 yr. accredited lib. training
No experience

LIBRARIAN III

College degree
incl. or *plus* 18 sem. hrs. lib. training
No experience

LIBRARIAN IV

2 yrs. of college
plus 9 sem. hrs. library training
No experience

Application to Positions of Head Librarian¹

For Hd. Lbns. serving population
of 25,000 and over
(24 such libraries)

For Hd. Lbns. serving population
of 10,000 to 25,000
(25 such libraries)

For Hd. Lbns. serving population
of 5,000 to 10,000
(45 such libraries)

For Hd. Lbns. serving population
of less than 5,000
(147 such libraries)

For Grade IV issue a PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE to any new applicants who cannot fully qualify, and allow 3 years to meet the requirements, with privilege of renewal of the Provisional Certificate for a second 3 years if adequate progress has been made toward meeting the full requirements of Grade IV.

¹ Application to other positions would be covered in revision of the Rules and Regulations.

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Comments:

- (1) The new plan assumes (a) that all librarians are librarians, regardless of the designation of their positions (b) that each certificate should represent *minimum* requirements of education and training at a given level, and (c) that local employing authorities will recognize the need of added qualifications in terms of experience and personal attributes for specific positions.
- (2) It is recognized that adoption of a new certification plan cannot be retroactive to disturb people in their present positions so long as they hold certificates under the old (present) plan. Certificates held previous to adoption of the new plan would continue valid and in force, within the limits of the terms applying to these certificates when they were issued.
- (3) Under the new plan the older five-year training program, viz, college degree plus one year of accredited library training, would be accepted as equivalent to the newer five-year program culminating in a master's degree. Both would meet the requirement of college degree and one year of accredited library training.
- (4) The Certification Board would continue to offer examinations, as required by law. It is proposed to utilize examination facilities which are used by colleges and universities to establish equivalence of academic education, and to seek the cooperation of recognized library training agencies in providing examinations to establish equivalence of library training.

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CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The Indiana Library Certification Board will hold an examination at the State Library October 23. It will be open to Head Librarians Grade V and to candidates who are seeking to meet minimum training qualifications provided that they completely fulfill the academic requirements for the permanent grades of certificates. Inquiries may be addressed to Hazel B. Warren, consultant for Certification and Placement, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis 4.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

Proposed New Plan

Present Plan

The following certificates in both plans call for college degree and one year of accredited library training.

Apply to Head Librarians of libraries serving a population of:

	Over 300,000→	Hd. Libn. Gr. 1— <i>plus</i> 6 yrs. Exec. Exper..
	25,000 to 300,000→	Hd. Libn. Gr. 2— <i>plus</i> 6 yrs. experience
Librarian I— <i>plus</i> 3 (5?) yrs. exper.	←All over 25,000	Dept. Hd. Gr. 1— <i>plus</i> 4 yrs. experience
Librarian II—(no experience)	←10,000 to 25,000→	Hd. Libn. Gr. 3— <i>plus</i> 3 yrs. experience
		Prof. Asst. Gr. 1— <i>plus</i> 2 yrs. experience
		Prof. Asst. Gr. 2—(no experience)

The following certificates in both plans call for less than one year of library training.

		Requiring "Minimum Training" as defined in Rules and Regulations:
Librarian III—College degree, <i>plus</i> or <i>including</i> 18 semester hrs. of library training (no experience)		Prof. Asst. Gr. 3— <i>with</i> college degree (no experience)
	←5,000 to 10,000→	Hd. Libn. Gr. 4— <i>with</i> 2 yrs. of college and 1 yr. experience
Librarian IV—2 yrs. of college <i>plus</i> 9 semester hrs. of library training (no experience)		Branch Libn. Gr. 1— <i>with</i> 2 yrs. college ¹ (no experience)
	←Under 5,000→	Hd. Libn. Gr. 5— <i>with</i> high school certificate (no experience)
		Branch Libn. Gr. 2—(same as H.L. 5)
		Prof. Asst. Gr. 4—(same as H.L. 5)

¹ The present certificate of Branch Librarian Grade 1 is considered too low for major branches in larger cities. If up-graded, the term "Branch" would require proper definition.

SUMMARY COMPARISON

Librarian I	compares with H.L. 1, H.L. 2, D.H. 1, H.L. 3
Librarian II	compares with P.A. 1 and P.A. 2 (and perhaps B.L. 1?)
Librarian III	compares with P.A. 3 (this requires less training) and H.L. 4 (this requires less college and less training)
Librarian IV	compares with H.L. 4 and B.L. 1 (these require less training) Also H.L. 5, B.L. 2 and P.A. 4 (these require no college and less training)

INDIANA MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

By HAZEL W. HOPPER, chief, Indiana Division, State Library

The Indiana Division of the State Library constitutes what in many states is known as the state historical collection. Instead of being organized as a separate institution as in some states, it is a part of the State Library.

The Indiana Division of History and Archives was created by an act of the legislature in 1913, and in 1936 the Archives became a separate division of the library. The Indiana collection is the result of many years of work. The State Library was organized in 1825 and during the 126 years of its existence much very unique and valuable material on the state has been acquired.

Creation of Indiana Division

After the Division was created, the Indiana items from the general collection were brought together and certain policies adopted to build up as complete a collection as possible of material relating to Indiana. This included the publications of all state departments and agencies, books and pamphlets by Indiana authors and about Indiana or Hoosiers, maps, manuscripts, broadsides, pictures, programs, and music by Indiana composers.

The Indiana collection might well be considered a memorial to the late Esther U. McNitt, who became an assistant in the division at the time it was created, and did much of the work of organizing the material, and who, throughout the many years she served the state as chief of the Indiana Division, formulated many of the

policies for collecting and making accessible all kinds of material relating in any way to the state.

The book collection includes many early Indiana imprints, first editions of Indiana authors' works, Indiana periodicals, church minutes, Old Northwest and Indiana Territory laws and documents.

Lasselle Manuscripts

The State Library has some very fine manuscript collections. The Hyacinth and Charles B. Lasselle papers were received by the library in 1908. Hyacinth Lasselle was an early merchant in Vincennes, later moving to Logansport, and his son Charles B. was a lawyer and publisher at Logansport. There is much information on early economic conditions at Vincennes and Logansport, trade with the Indians, Mexican War letters and a California gold rush diary. The dates of the collection are 1713 to 1904.

John Tipton Papers

The John Tipton papers, many of which were published in the three volume work of the Indiana Historical Bureau in 1942, were acquired by the library in 1913. John Tipton was an Indian agent and an early politician, so his papers have a great deal of Indian history, particularly concerning the relations between the Indians and the white settlers and letters from early Indiana politicians. John Tipton was a member of the commission appointed to locate the capital of Indiana in 1820, when the site of Indianapolis was chosen. His journal while

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a member of that commission as well as his original notes on the survey of the Indiana-Illinois boundary line made in 1821 were received later to be placed with the Tipton papers.

W. G. and G. W. Ewing were fur traders in Indiana, following the Indians west when they were removed from the state. Their correspondence gives a picture of fur trade throughout the Middle West, of early land sales and of state politics. The dates of this collection are 1818 to 1881.

Correspondence of Governor Noble

Another interesting collection of papers is that of Noah Noble, governor of Indiana from 1831 to 1837, during the canal and railroad building era. These papers include letters and documents on the internal improvement movement which lead to financial chaos of the state. The collection also has information on state and national politics. The period covered is 1828 to 1844.

Other large, special collections are the papers of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall; Allen Hamilton, Indian agent at Fort Wayne; Joseph Bailly, fur trader in the Calumet region; Lucius B. Swift and William Dudley Foulke, civil service reformers; George W. Julian, William S. Holman, Daniel Pratt, Elisha and Lucius Embree, all political figures in Indiana. The library also has a number of Civil War letters and diaries.

Among outstanding acquisitions received in recent years, was a group of letters of Benjamin Harrison to his law partner who was attorney general during his presidential term, William H. H. Miller of Indianapolis.

The content of these letters is for the most part political.

Colfax Letters Acquired

Several years ago the granddaughter of Schuyler Colfax gave the library a fine collection of Mr. Colfax' papers. This past year a number of Colfax letters, mostly political in nature, were acquired which made a noteworthy addition to an already fine collection.

Charles Deam of Bluffton, author of *Trees of Indiana*, *Grasses of Indiana*, and *Shrubs of Indiana*, made a valuable contribution to our manuscript collection when he gave his correspondence consisting of several thousand letters dealing with scientific subjects.

Microfilmed Missionary Society Papers Ordered

The library now has on order a microfilm copy of the letters dealing with Indiana in the American Home Missionary Society Papers, 1836-1893, which is made up of letters written by ministers of the Presbyterian mission churches to the home office, including information about the work of other denominations. The library had previously acquired photostats of these papers for the years 1825 to 1835, which have been used extensively by scholars working on religious and social subjects.

There have been many other fine contributions to the State Library's manuscript collection. It would be impossible to mention them all, but each addition gives another view of the economic, social or political picture of the state. The letters need not necessarily be those of an outstanding political personage to be important historically.

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LIBRARIANS MEET IN DISTRICTS

District library meetings this spring developed the theme, "How to Improve Library Service through Books." Eight public libraries were hosts to librarians and trustees during March and April.

Programs followed a similar pattern at all meetings. In the morning sessions short talks were given by librarians in the area on standards for book selection, particularly books for escape reading; on improvement of book selection by judicious weeding and discarding; on the library as a community information center, especially regarding civil defense; and on the importance of quality rather than quantity in teen-age and adult reading. Brief reports were made of Indiana Library Association committees on recruiting, membership, scholarship, and legislation.

Participants at Morning Meeting

Persons appearing on these programs included: Fred Hanes, library science student, Indiana University; Edith Burton, Bicknell; Annie Sue Montgomery, Evansville; Aurie Willoughby, Vincennes; Margaret Dixon, Madison; Oscar Everhart, Jeffersonville; Martha Severin and Elsa Strassweg, New Albany; Hazel Andres, Batesville; Harriet Carter, State Library; Bertha Ashby, Bloomington; Mae Konkle, Versailles; Susanna B. Wood, New Castle; Leon I. Jones, Muncie; Frances A. Brookbank, Connersville.

Anna F. Gardner, Liberty; Vera Cox, State Library; Sylvia Taylor, Crawfordsville; Hazel Hayes, Clinton; Elizabeth Hesser, Indianapolis; Helen Hull, Westfield; Mabel

Deeds, Oxford; Evelyn Millsbaugh, Elwood; Helen Terry, Albion-Noble County Library; Lucille Williams, Kendallville; Mrs. Chilson Bishop, Marion; Helen Frahm, Hartford City; Rezia Gaunt, Gary; Janet Granger, Whiting; Alice Carter, South Bend; Helen Teeters, Elkhart.

Chairmen presiding at these sessions were: Harriet Carter, State Library, at New Harmony; Margaret Rufsvold, Indiana University, at Jeffersonville; Jane North, Rising Sun, at Columbus; Marcelle Foote, Connersville, at Cambridge City; Esther Burrin, State Department of Public Instruction, at Danville; Mary Holmes, Logansport, at Frankfort; Bertha Heller, Decatur, at Bluffton; Frank Whitmore, East Chicago, at Elkhart.

Buzz Sessions on Budgets

Buzz sessions each afternoon concerned ways to stretch book budgets. A panel of four speakers presented American Library Association standards for the budget, problems of trustees in securing adequate book appropriations in face of rising costs, dangers in selection of bargain books, and problems relating to discounts and purchase through jobbers. Suggestions growing out of the discussions which followed are summarized elsewhere in this issue.

Those taking part on the panels were: Harold J. Sander, Indianapolis; Arnold Roosaen, Evansville; Mrs. Herbert Sears, Danville; Earl Seabrook, Jeffersonville; Grace Beecher and Harriet Carter, State Library; Amy Hammersmith, Salem; Robert A. Miller, Indiana University; Mrs. W. H. Frazier,

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Nashville; Ethel More, North Vernon; Mary Alice Vanderburg, Franklin; Harriet E. Bard, Richmond; Edith Hogue, Hagerstown; Stewart Shipman, Cambridge City; Betty Steele, Knightstown; Lois Ringo, Anderson; Harold F. Brigham, State Library; Elsie Record, Mooresville; Gerna Gunnison, Brazil; Rev. C. J. Schuerman, St. Joseph's College; Mrs. Herbert Van DerWiebe, West Lafayette; Jessie Delano, Darlington; Audrey Haworth, Noblesville; Fred Reynolds, Fort Wayne; Annie Metzger, South Whitley; Jessie Smith, Fairmount; Eva Sprunger, Berne; Helen McPhail, Peru; George Curtis, East Chicago; Lucille Simpson, LaPorte; Mrs. Howard Christner, Elkhart; Esther Spidler, Plymouth; Harley Spencer, Mishawaka.

State Library Resources

Resources of the State Library were outlined during the afternoon meetings by Harold F. Brigham, director, and the following staff members, Hazel Hopper, Margaret Donnell, Edna Whetsell, Lila Brady, and Nellie M. Coats.

Harriet Carter, head, Extension Division, State Library, explained the library's program for field services to Indiana libraries as contemplated under the limitations of the General Assembly's 1951-1953 appropriations.

Two films, "You Can Beat the A-Bomb", and "Your Indiana State Parks", were shown in each district. The latter was loaned for this purpose by the Gary Public Library. At Cambridge City, Frankfort and Bluffton community leaders were invited to a film showing the evening preceding the meeting.

Trustees Hold Discussions

Trustees met in separate one hour morning sessions. Discussions of ways trustees may share in promoting and advertising the library were led by Mrs. Herbert Sears, Danville trustee and president, I.L.T.A., at the New Harmony meeting; Mrs. A. J. Williams, Vevay, at Jeffersonville; Mrs. George Bridwell, Bloomington, at Columbus; Paul R. Benson, New Castle, at Cambridge City; George Hadley, Danville, at Danville; J. S. Mitchell, Windfall, at Frankfort; Mrs. J. F. Brenneman, Columbia City, at Bluffton; and Mrs. Ross Martin, Elkhart trustee, at Elkhart. Questions regarding local problems were raised during the discussions.

State Budget Chairman Speaks

John A. Kendall, Danville, chairman of the Indiana State Budget Committee, spoke to both librarians and trustees at the Danville meeting. He explained the Budget Committee's recommendations regarding the State Library's 1951-1953 appropriation and stressed the need for local libraries to strengthen their public relations as a basis for obtaining increased local support. He also urged libraries to cooperate with educational agencies in efforts that should be made toward studies of local government.

Helen Elliott of New Harmony was a guest speaker at that meeting. She reviewed the history of the New Harmony community with special emphasis on the Working Men's Institute and its library.

A variation in the program at Frankfort proved highly successful. The Frankfort High School teen-age panel of eight junior and senior students presented a book dis-

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cussion. Panel members expressed their opinions regarding types of books of particular interest to them and answered questions from the floor.

Elsa Strassweg, New Albany librarian, in speaking about New Albany's teen-age project at the Jeffersonville meeting, used recordings to illustrate the way in which this library activity is handled. The library sponsors a teen-age radio quiz program which, Miss Strassweg believes, has materially increased the use of the library.

Printed programs for each meeting with booklists relating to the morning topics were a departure from former custom.

Statements on 1951 legislative outcomes of interest to librarians and on standards for book budgets were distributed by the State Library Extension Division.

The I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. joint committee in charge of district meetings included Harriet Carter, State Library, chairman; Bertha Heller, Decatur; Evelyn Millsbaugh, Elwood; Grace Beecher, State Library, and Elsie Record, Mooresville, and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Fairmount, trustees.

Comparison of attendance with that of 1950 showed more librarians and libraries represented, but fewer trustees. A statistical summary of the meetings follows.

Date	Place	Librarian	Attendance			
			Librarians	Trustees	Visitors	Total
March 28	New Harmony	Mrs. Margie Immenga	28	14	9	51
March 30	Jeffersonville	Oscar Everhart	38	13	4	55
April 4	Columbus	Cleo Rogers	44	13	3	60
April 6	Cambridge City	Mrs. Eleanor Morris	48	27	7	82
April 11	Danville	Mrs. Joseph Ferree	47	22	2	71
April 13	Frankfort	Edith Thompson	69	37	3	109
April 18	Bluffton	Clara E. Sturgis	74	31	1	106
April 20	Elkhart	Ruth E. Kellogg	103	30	5	139
Total Attendance			451	187	34	673

Did You Know—

The booklet, *Indiana*, the catalog of the Library of Congress exhibition honoring the sesquicentennial celebration of the Indiana territory, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 65 cents. Attractively illustrated, this 58 page catalog provides a checklist for libraries of early Indiana prints, manuscripts, books, broadsides and other rare items.

Did You Know—

The University of Southern California is offering four university library science scholarships for the academic year, 1951-52. Each scholarship covers full tuition for the professional program. Application blanks and further information may be secured from the assistant director, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7.

LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES, 1951

Legislation enacted at the 1951 General Assembly of particular interest to librarians includes the new State Library appropriations, amendments to the Indiana Public Employees Retirement Act and the extension

of social security to local units of government.

The State Library appropriations for the biennium 1951-53 are indicated in the following estimated figures:

State Library Appropriations New Biennium 1951-53

General Library	This Year	New Appropriations	
(except Extension and Blind)	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
Personal service	\$97,526	\$105,740	\$109,220
Added cost-of-living increment (est.) ..	000	6,840	6,840
Other operating expense	15,175	16,265	16,265
Books and equipment	27,030	30,000	35,000
Extension Services			
(including Service for the Blind)			
For All Purposes	25,779	53,700	54,340
Added cost-of-living increment (est.) ..	000	1,260	1,260
TOTALS	\$165,510	\$213,805	\$222,925

All Indiana public libraries have received information regarding the changes in the Retirement Act affecting Retirement Fund members. The first concerns prior service credit for persons re-employed and may be summarized as follows: Any person accepting re-employment with a library since the library joined the Fund, if he had had previous employment with the same library, may receive credit for such prior service after completing three years of service from the date of re-employment and contributing to the Fund for that period of time.

The second change relates to optional retirement and vested rights. If a member is required to withdraw from present employment and has credit for at least 15 years of service he may now request to receive ben-

efits beginning when he reaches the age of 60; or beginning when he reaches the age of 55 if he has credit for 20 years of service. The benefit received would be an adjusted amount based on credits earned for total actual years of service.

The third provides that any present employee who signed a waiver of rights at the time his library joined the Fund may cancel the waiver and receive credit for total years of service by filing a petition with the Retirement Fund Board before June 30, 1951, accompanied by payment of the amount that would have been deducted from the salary since the library joined the fund.

Ross Teckemeyer, executive secretary of the Retirement Fund, will welcome inquiries

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ENLARGED EXTENSION PROGRAM

The Legislature granted in part, and apparently on a trial basis, the request for an increased appropriation to improve the library extension services of the State Library. The appropriations for these purposes were \$53,700 for 1951-52 and \$54,340 for 1952-53.

The budget for extension services is, for the first time, a separate figure in the total budget of the State Library, and it has been made up to include services for the blind. This means that slightly more than \$7,000 of each appropriation must go for Service for the Blind, leaving a balance of approximately \$46,500 (in the first year) for the enlarged extension program of the Extension Division. The funds available for the enlarged extension program, although half the original amounts requested, are twice the amount heretofore spent for library extension services.

Four Consultants Contemplated

The complete fulfillment of the Indiana Plan, as outlined in the *Library Occurrent* for December, 1950, will therefore be deferred, but parts of it will be put into operation as soon after July 1, 1951 as possible. It is expected that there will be a group of four professional consultants, three to devote full time to field work and one to divide time between the division office and field work. One of the consultants will spend the major part of his time in helping to improve library service in state institutions. As before, the field workers will assist libraries with problems of finance, administration, technical processes, public relations and extension of library services.

The assistant now in charge of the Traveling Libraries will administer the new Book Distribution Program. The school library supervisor identified in part with the State Library but more directly with the Department of Public Instruction, will continue her services in behalf of elementary and high school libraries.

Book Distribution Program

The Book Distribution Program will get under way quickly because there is already a substantial collection of books for the services of the Traveling Libraries. Since the plans are described rather fully in the Indiana Plan, we need not go into detail here. In reworking the Extension Division budget to meet the new, reduced total, we have tried to keep funds for this purpose at as high a figure as possible in order that a larger number of books will be available for loans to libraries which will want to participate.

The demonstration bookmobile idea had to be dropped, but a station wagon will be used to transport the books.

On July 1 the reduced Indiana Plan will enter a period of experiment and close scrutiny. It has only a short period to prove itself—actually only until the fall of 1952 when the State Budget Committee starts work on the 1953-55 appropriation. How effectively it does this will depend not only on the work of the Extension Division, but on the cooperation of all librarians, trustees and citizens interested in state-wide library progress.

—H.I.C.

STRETCHING THE BOOK BUDGET

By HARRIET I. CARTER, head, Extension Division, Indiana State Library

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention, as we discovered at district meetings this year when we threshed out ideas on how to stretch the book budget. We found that Indiana librarians can be quite cunning and shrewd in their book buying, as indeed they need to be in the face of ever-increasing book and binding costs.

Tax Increase Not Only Answer

While an increase in the tax rate so that the total library budget will be larger is the most obvious and primary "stretcher", it is by no means the only one. To solicit gifts of money for books as memorials, or to suggest to organizations that certain specified books would be welcome is an accepted practice, and one in which trustees or Friends of the Library can participate.

Gifts of periodicals subscriptions fit into this category of devices also. A published list of books that the library needs but cannot afford might bring results, especially if it suggests itself to the local editor as a basis for a good feature story.

Additional sources of revenue may be found in the sale of discarded books as waste paper, or the sale to other libraries of books no longer needed. Rental collections are a source of revenue to libraries where patrons demand the best sellers while they are current—and are willing to pay a small fee for the service.

The Shrewd Buyer

More economies in the book buying process itself may be realized, given a shrewd and watchful buyer. How long since

the library has requested a review of its discount might well be asked, especially if its book expenditures with one jobber or source have increased in the last few years. A close comparison of discounts received from various sources is in order: the local bookstore's discount compared with that received from a jobber or publisher; a publisher's on a direct order with that obtained for his list from a jobber. These investigations should, of course, take into account extra services and should include an eagle-eyed inspection of added postage or transportation costs. Some jobbers pay freight or postage only on large shipments, and the librarian must decide if she can afford to relinquish the savings effected by waiting in favor of more frequent shipments.

The careful buyer will take advantage of any discounts offered for payments made within a specified period, should they be offered.

Reprints Supply Light Fiction

Reprints and paper bound books have proved to be a godsend to libraries hard pressed to keep readers of lighter fiction happy with new titles. Not to be overlooked are the fine non-fiction titles available for 25 or 35 cents, effective in their own right as books that will introduce the adult reader to new fields for "reading with a purpose." Incidentally, patrons will come with armloads of paper bound mysteries and westerns, once they know the library circulates them.

The librarian endowed with more than average fortitude might even choose to defer

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the purchase of some popular authors until reprint editions appear.

Savings in Periodicals

Economies in the purchase of periodicals may be realized by subscribing on a two or three-year basis when reduced rates are listed, or by paying dues to an association when membership includes a magazine to be included on the list anyway. Duplicate subscriptions for binding and circulation may be eliminated, especially if microfilm copies are being purchased instead of binding. Competitive bidding for the subscription list is healthy and often reveals new sources of savings.

State and federal documents, free or inexpensive pamphlets, and reprints of magazine articles furnish low-rate materials to supplement a small book budget.

Economies Elsewhere

"Turn Out the Lights, Please" and "Save Paper" may not at first thought appear to have any connection with the book budget, but on second or third thoughts it will become all too apparent that reduction of maintenance costs is one prime necessity in most libraries if they are ever to release more money for books. As library buildings become older, more repairs will be needed; hence repairs and replacements should be anticipated by a careful study so that costs can be spread over a period of years and not be concentrated in any one year. Consistent upkeep—to buildings, machinery, equipment, and not least of all, to books themselves, will do much to reduce maintenance or operating costs. The lives of books can be greatly prolonged if small

repairs are made when the damage is first noted. Careful and continuous mending, cleaning and routine dusting of books will prolong their lives and reduce the amounts needed for rebinding. Careful pagination of books being repaired for the bindery may avoid the useless expense of recasing an incomplete volume.

Effect of Salary Increases

Now let us consider the proposition that library salaries ought to be increased in order to stretch the book budget. The basis for this lies in the realization that in the end discrimination is the heart of skillful book buying, and discrimination comes from careful professional training in book selection and with experience. Ergo: salaries to attract and hold the qualified librarian.

What are some of the ways in which this training is utilized for economy and wisdom in book buying? In making wise first purchases in cautious selection of reference sets; in policy decisions to decrease the purchase of new fiction in favor of increasing the number of copies of carefully selected titles; in gauging the comparative use for reference or circulation of expensive titles with a view to making one copy serve both purposes; in buying only every other title of prolific authors; in decisions about the necessity for replacement of stolen, mutilated, lost or missing titles; in judging book values as represented by salesmen, bargain catalogs and second hand dealers; in judging the durability of present day bindings and refusing to accept "boards" at "cloth" prices.

Cooperation Among Libraries

Inevitably, cooperative measures enter into library operations today. The most familiar one is interlibrary lending of books, a practical and universal means by which libraries borrow books they do not own for their patrons. Probably more libraries borrow from the State Library than they do from university libraries or from each other, but neighboring libraries might go a step further by a definite cooperative arrangement whereby each could agree to stock different titles, particularly in the field of light fiction, westerns and mysteries (for readers who are as constant as they are insatiable) and then exchange whole blocs of their collections after the original stocks have been reader-exhausted.

School and public libraries in the same community would profit greatly by cooperative book selection, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of children's books.

Exchange of Duplicates

Libraries might well exchange duplicate copies from their uncataloged gift books or from inactive titles, to the benefit of all.

One further cooperative project that might be suggested is the pooling of book orders to secure a better discount. One suggestion was made that all libraries in a given area pool their book budgets, thus securing a high discount that would apply to all. A letter from a large jobber replying to our inquiry on this possibility states that if the company "can ship 5 to 25 to one point, and render one bill for them instead of 5

CATALOGERS TO MEET AT BALL STATE

Ball State Teachers College will be host to the Ohio Valley Regional Group of Catalogers for its 1952 meeting, according to an announcement at a conference held in Cincinnati, April 27.

Challenges and frustrations confronting the cataloger was the topic of a panel discussion at the general session in McMicken Hall, University of Cincinnati. Lawrence Thompson, director of libraries, University of Kentucky, presented the challenge to the scholar; Rolland Stephens, acquisitions librarian, Ohio State University, spoke on the challenge to the administrator; and Elizabeth Chambers, head of the catalog department, University of Louisville, discussed bibliographic problems from the viewpoint of the cataloger. Henrietta Howell, University of Cincinnati Library, acted as moderator.

Gustav Eckstein, noted author and scientist, was the speaker at the banquet in the evening held at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel.

Officers elected for 1951-52 are: president, Henrietta Howell; vice president, Edith Scott, Ball State Teachers College; secretary-treasurer, Mary Nooney, University of Kentucky.

or 25 bills, a saving can be effected that could be passed on to the customer."

Meanwhile, many of the devices suggested above could be so readily adopted that libraries would do well to try them—that is, if they want to stretch their book budgets to get more books.

LIBRARY WEEK OBSERVED

Indiana libraries participated in the second annual Library Week, April 22 to 28, by publicizing their services through newspapers, radio and other community contacts.

One special library in Indianapolis held invitational open house each day during the week, as did many public and school libraries. Book talks, exhibits, spot announcements on the air as well as special radio programs were among the ways in which attention

was focused upon libraries. In these times when the preservation of freedom of thought and the interchange of ideas of democracy among all free peoples of the world is of such vital importance, it is an increasing obligation of libraries that they employ every possible means to strengthen and develop their services to the community.

Governor Schricker's proclamation expresses this challenge to libraries as follows:

To All to Whom These Presents May Come, Greeting:

Whereas, Libraries are indispensable sources of information and education for all citizens of Indiana and all young people in schools and colleges; and

Whereas, the services of libraries are of increasing importance today as aids to developing our economic and human resources and means of promoting the national security and understanding among people; and

Whereas, tax-supported libraries represent a responsibility of Government which the State of Indiana has recognized by strengthening its services to libraries,

Now, Therefore, I, Henry F. Schricker, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the week of

April 22 through 28, 1951

as

Indiana Library Week

and do hereby call upon all libraries to make known their resources and services to the end that their use may be encouraged and increased. I further urge the people of Indiana to take full advantage of the educational opportunities afforded them by their libraries, and suggest that those charged with responsibility for the maintenance and control of individual libraries seek by every reasonable means to strengthen existing services and to extend service to people who lack library opportunities.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Indianapolis, this 9th day of April, 1951.

(Seal)

By the Governor

(Leland N. Smith)
Secretary of State

(Henry F. Schricker)

Governor of Indiana

BOOK CIRCULATION IN INDIANA

A recent statistical study of circulation figures made by the State Library Extension Division staff reveals that more books were borrowed from Indiana public libraries in 1950 than during any previous year since 1942.

A total of 15,783,368 books loaned in 1950 was reported by 228 libraries as compared with 15,634,115 from the same libraries in 1949. This represents an increase of 149,253 loans made last year. While librarians are loath to employ circulation figures as the sole measure of library use, since they emphasize only the quantitative aspects of book use and fail to reflect other important library services, the fact remains that circulation statistics are one tangible means of evaluating the effectiveness of the public library program.

Circulation Increases in 138 Libraries

The trend for increased circulation for the state as a whole was not true for all libraries. While the majority, 138 libraries or 60%, reported more books loaned, 40% indicated a loss in total circulation. A total of 106 libraries (47%) had had an increase in adult loans, while 144 libraries, or 63%, showed increased juvenile borrowing. It is interesting to note that major increases were made in the two groups of libraries serving populations of from 6,000 to 10,000, and those serving under 3,000. The Indianapolis Public Library, the only library in its population class (over 250,000), had an increase in both adult and juvenile loans.

The study was made following inquiries

concerning the possible adverse effect on library use of television and the present unsettled conditions of world and national affairs. On the surface one could conclude that neither had influenced public use of the library. Yet a further breakdown of circulation totals into adult and juvenile figures give a startling picture of decreased use by adults (112,231 fewer books circulated) offset by a greatly increased juvenile circulation (261,484 more books borrowed).

This fact points up the interesting parallel experience of 1941 and 1942 when mobilization and industrial speed-ups were reflected in loss of adult borrowers while the volume of books borrowed by children took a quick rise upward, and leads to the conclusion that libraries are being affected by current world and national events.

Greater Use by Children

The greater use that children are making of libraries would seem to indicate that television is not yet making appreciable inroads on the leisure time spent in reading. Perhaps this is because it is not yet accessible to all Indiana communities. Certainly its impact has been felt by libraries serving most of the metropolitan areas in the East and Middle West as reported in an article, "What is Television Doing to Public Libraries," by Russel R. Voorhees, which ran in the April 1951 issues of *Library Journal*.

Among the libraries responding to the questionnaire survey used as the basis for the article were the Indianapolis and Bloomington public libraries. Though both had:

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CLA SEEKS NEW INDIANA MEMBERS

Mrs. Betty E. Richardson, children's librarian, Haughville Branch, Indianapolis Public Library, reminds Indiana children's librarians and others interested in children's work to affiliate with the Children's Library Association when they join A.L.A. Membership in one division is granted each A.L.A. member upon payment of dues. C.L.A. affiliation entitles one to participation in activities of this group and to a subscription to *Top of the News*, quarterly publication of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

Mrs. Richardson, who is Indiana membership chairman for C.L.A., will be glad to send A.L.A. and Division membership blanks to anyone interested.

CIVIL DEFENSE FILMS

Arrangements with the motion picture industry for the production of a series of official federal Civil Defense Administration films have been announced. The first film, "Survival Under Atomic Attack", produced by United World Films, Inc., was released in April, and the second and third, "Preparing Your Home Against Atomic Attack", and "Fire Fighting for Householders", produced by Teletran, New York City, were released in May. Each film is one 16mm reel in length, priced at \$17.50 with sound, also available in 16mm silent, 8mm complete or in headline version, and in filmstrips.

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noted a drop in circulation at least partly due to television, each stressed the positive values of the medium for stimulating reading of some types of books and for publicizing the library. Bertha Ashby, Bloomington librarian, stated, "The television people came in not long ago and asked to take pictures of our children's week activities to put on television. A number of the children were in the pictures. We think that is a good plug for the library."

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Often the private individual tells of a particular event in a less biased way, and his reactions are exactly what the historian is seeking.

Many persons justly proud of their ancestors have placed their correspondence in the library so that historians may have access to them, but thousands of documents, account books, diaries and letters which are of great value to the state are still in private hands. Placing them in the library would mean safe guarding against loss by fire and would provide contributions to the history of the state. In case of private papers, it may mean proper recognition and estimation by later historians of the persons whom they concern.

Preservation of manuscripts is assured inasmuch as the collection is not loaned to patrons, but is available for use in the library by scholars and research workers.

HISTORY WORKSHOP IS CONDUCTED

The State Library participated in the first Indiana History Workshop held at Spring Mill State Park, April 8 to 11, sponsoring the affair jointly with the Indiana Historical Bureau and the State Department of Conservation. Over 50 persons attended.

Howard H. Peckham, director, Historical Bureau, was in charge of the Workshop, which was designed to stimulate interest in local history and to provide opportunity for exchange of ideas among Indiana history enthusiasts. Informal classes were held each morning in gathering and writing local history and ways to organize and activate historical societies, methods and procedure for genealogical research, and historical museum management.

The group visited the Lawrence County museum at Bedford and the restored Spring Mill village and museum in the Park. Lectures and film showings comprised the evening programs.

Glenn Black, state archaeologist, was the speaker Sunday evening. He told about the primitive inhabitants of this region as revealed by archaeological excavations in Indiana and showed two color films illustrating the archaeological research conducted by Indiana University under his supervision.

Dr. John D. Barnhart, head of the history department, Indiana University, spoke Monday evening on migrations into Indiana and the racial backgrounds and nationalities represented in the state during its formative period. He also pointed out some of the misconceptions and errors which have crept into our history.

ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ELECTS

Pauline French, Indianapolis Public Library, was elected vice president and president-elect of the Indiana State Association for Adult Education at its annual meeting at Butler University, April 27.

Other officers are: Paul Bergevin, Division of Adult Education and Public Services, Indiana University, president; Louis Greenberg, Indiana Jewish Community Relation Council, secretary; and Paul Seehausen, Valparaiso University, field consultant in social studies for State Department of Public Instruction, treasurer.

A film depicting Indiana's industries and resources and one entitled "Your Indiana State Parks" were shown for the third evening's entertainment.

Jesse C. Moore, Indiana Historical Society member of Indianapolis, displayed his collection of Apostle spoons at this time and explained their origin and history.

Gayle Thornbrough and Dorothy Riker, editors on the Historical Bureau staff, assisted Mr. Peckham in leading the discussions on local history. Eleanor Peterson, chief, Genealogy Division, State Library, and Mrs. Herbert E. Brown, a former staff member, conducted the genealogy class, and Robert D. Starrett and James Keller, of the Conservation Department, gave instruction in organization and administration of museums.

A small collection of books was provided by the State Library for class use.

INDIANA LIBRARY NEWS NOTES

Prepared by the Extension Division, State Library

When the BATESVILLE Public Library opened its doors after extensive repairs to its heating plant in January, Mrs. Hazel Andres, librarian, announced new and longer hours of opening. The new schedule increased the hours of service from 16 to 25 hours per week.

The EVANSVILLE Public Library board has approved a new salary schedule for all library employees—professional, clerical and custodial. The proposed schedule will raise salaries of professional librarians to the minimum set by the American Library Association, and will bring salaries for clerks and custodians in line with those paid comparable employees in the city school system. Members of the salary committee were: Mrs. Sam Clifford, chairman, Mrs. Rebecca Ratcliffe, Charles Robinson, Wilford A. Jarboe, and Mrs. Charlotte S. Minor. The schedule will be included in the 1951 budget request.

FRANKFORT Public Library is now on the air over station WASK and WFAM. The program is a cooperative project with elementary schools, junior and senior high schools, and the public library alternating the feature portion of the program on succeeding weeks. Its purpose is to acquaint parents and listeners with methods of teaching employed in the public schools today. A sample program was featured at the ILA-ILTA district meeting held at Frankfort, April 13, when a panel of high school students discussed the topic, "Quality, not quantity in teen-age reading." Edith Thompson, librarian, directs the program.

On May 5 Louise Keller resigned as

head of the reference department at the GARY Public Library to accept a position with the Ford Foundation in Pasadena, California. She will help set up an information library there. Mary Radmacher, reference assistant since 1946, has been appointed to succeed Miss Keller.

Audograph machines for recording circulation transactions have been installed in three trailers and in the extension office of the GARY Public Library. An attendant dictates circulation information onto a 6½ inch plastic disc through a microphone. The machine in the extension office has a play back device enabling clerks to transcribe the material on punched cards.

"A Low Cost Cataloging System in Action" by Mrs. Rezia Gaunt, head of the acquisitions department of the GARY Public Library, was printed in the Winter, 1951 issue of the *Journal of Cataloging and Classification*, the official publication of the A.L.A. Division of Cataloging and Classification. The article is a copy of a paper presented at the winter meeting of the Chicago Regional Group of Catalogers in Chicago, February 27, 1950.

Construction work has begun on HANOVER COLLEGE'S \$400,000 library. The building will have four reading rooms, two seminar rooms, a microfilm room and work rooms. Its book capacity will be 150,000 volumes. Mary L. Fitton is librarian.

Ethel L. Malloch has joined the staff of the INDIANA STATE LIBRARY, Indianapolis, as acquisitions librarian. Miss Malloch is a graduate of Butler University and has her library degree from the University of Michi-

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gan Library School. She has had valuable experience in the business field and has served in libraries in Indianapolis, Akron, and Pittsburgh.

The new cataloger of Indiana materials at the STATE LIBRARY is **Marian E. Young**. A graduate of Purdue University and the University of Illinois Library School, Miss Young has had one year's experience at the Purdue University library.

The Irvington Branch of the INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY now has a yard sign, the gift of the Women's Lions Club of Irvington.

Ruth McNutt, now retired as librarian of INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, Indianapolis, has moved to northern California for future residence.

Janet Jarret resigned from the staff of the INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY on April 4 to accept a position in Detroit. Other resignations include **Olive Worley** and **Violet Peavler**. New appointments are **Vivian Owsley** to the Branch Department, and **Helen Dunlop** to Schools Division.

The JASPER Public Library board has accepted bids for the construction of a new building to be located in Memorial Park. The building will be a one story structure with provision made for the addition of another wing as need arises.

Lucille Williams, librarian of the KENDALLVILLE Public Library, reports the establishment of a memorial records library started by Mrs. E. E. McCray in memory of her husband. Others became interested and contributions have been received from Mrs. Sarah McCray Candler, the Kendallville Fed-

eration of Clubs, and the Bay View Literary Club. The library now has 102 albums with more on order. A portable record player has also been purchased to be loaned to local club groups, church organizations, Boy Scouts and square dancing clubs. A local music dealer gave a good discount on records purchased for the collection. Miss Williams reports that borrowers are very enthusiastic about this new service and that 282 records were loaned in April.

Mary Holmes, librarian, LOGANSPORT-CASS COUNTY Library, reports a gift of \$1000 presented through the Friends of the Library. The donor is Mrs. Laura Hall Hamilton of Topeka, Kansas, who requested that the amount be used for the purchase of books in memory of her grandfather, Samuel A. Hall, first publisher of the *Logansport Weekly Pharos*. By her gift Mrs. Hamilton becomes a foundation member of the Friends of the Library, established in 1941.

The MOORESVILLE Public Library, co-operating with the local Chamber of Commerce, has arranged to keep on file for public use all public releases pertaining to price control from the Office of Price Stabilization. Notice of the service was released through the local newspaper. **Mrs. Lenna Sage** is librarian.

Mrs. Cleo Mills has been selected to serve the remainder of the school year as librarian of the PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL. She succeeds **Mary Alice Harvey** who resigned to become librarian of the Portland-Jay County library.

Mrs. Etta Hemphill, librarian of the RENSSELAER Public Library, reports that

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improvements being made at the library include the laying of a new Imperial red linotile floor.

Remodelling at the VALPARAISO Public Library has resulted in the creation of a reference alcove from the upstairs entrance hall, and a genealogy room located on the first floor. Also new are comfortable reading chairs in natural finish wood, cushioned with light green plastic material. Mrs. Zada C. Williams is librarian.

Esther Zimmer, former assistant children's librarian at the WARSAW Public Library, is now a member of the Women's Air Force.

The WASHINGTON Public Library now has a ceiling projector and 32 books on film donated by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The projector is loaned for a one-week period. Members of the sorority service the projector and film.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY staff changes include Harry E. Kuntz and Maurice Nelson, assistant reference librarians, and George R. Meluch, librarian, Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. Meluch is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, and Messrs Kuntz and Nelson both hold degrees from Syracuse University. Virginia Ann Jackson, former Experiment Station librarian, resigned in December. Other resignations are Emma Lue Kopp and Ann Miller, assistant reference librarians.

Necrology

Mrs. Frances Viers Knutsen, children's librarian at JEFFERSONVILLE since January 1, 1950, died April 15. Mrs. Knutsen was formerly on the staff of the Louisville Public

Library and was librarian of the Fort Knox post library before coming to Jeffersonville. She was also a writer of children's stories which had appeared in *Story Parade* and other children's magazines.

Publicity Notes

Local newspaper stories on library exhibits were the source for the following publicity ideas which we pass on to you.

Pictures of campuses of American colleges, taken from the *Chicago Tribune's* weekly rotogravure section, displayed with college catalogs and books and pamphlets on various careers made an effective exhibit at the ANDERSON Public Library.

One of the most successful publicity projects in many years at the DECATUR Public library was the decorating of an egg tree which was displayed during the Easter season. More than 200 eggs designed and colored by interested children and townspeople filled the branches of the tree. Displayed with it was Katherine Milhous's *The Egg Tree*, this year's Caldecott Award winner, which had been the inspiration for the project back in December. Reporting on the interest aroused by the exhibit, Bertha Heller, librarian, writes, "We had the tree up for a month and when we took it down there had been 4750 people in the library. The nice thing about the display was the fact that so many people came to see it which resulted in an increase in circulation for that month. It was the largest circulation in the history of the library. We also had 100 new registrations. I think there were seven or eight country schools that brought their pupils in and that was good advertisement."

FALL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Plans are taking shape for the annual Indiana Library Association-Indiana Library Trustees Association conference scheduled for November 8 and 9 in Indianapolis, Harold J. Sander, I.L.A. president, announces.

This year's conference will run two full days with the opening session Thursday morning, November 8. There will be no Saturday morning meeting. Arrangements are pending to secure a speaker of outstanding reputation for the banquet.

Commercial exhibits will be set up as in the past, with Stillman K. Taylor, Gary Public Library, in charge.

Mrs. Herbert Sears, Danville, is president of I.L.T.A., sponsoring the conference jointly with I.L.A. Mrs. Sears and Mr. Sander will be assisted in conference planning by officers of the two associations.

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regarding these new provisions of the law. Librarians interested may write to Mr. Teckemeyer's office, Board of Trade Building, Indianapolis.

The legislature also passed a law permitting local units of government, including libraries, to elect participation in the Federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance Program beginning January 1, 1952, if they are not members of the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The Fund Board of Directors is named the state agency for O.A.S.I.

Information and instructions may be obtained from field offices of Federal Security Agency, Social Security Administration, lo-

A.L.A. ANNIVERSARY

Librarians, whether A.L.A. members or not, can share actively in the observance of the A.L.A.'s 75th anniversary this year. The A.L.A. Conference in Chicago, July 8-14, will feature the anniversary theme, "The Heritage of U.S.A. in Times of Crisis."

In anticipation of the part that organizations may play in this A.L.A. project, librarians can make study outlines on the anniversary theme and prepare program ideas and suggestions for community group use. Lists of books and pamphlets in the library's collections to give readers a better understanding of our democratic heritage and the dangers we as a nation face will tie in with anniversary promotion.

New volumes which will head such lists will be the two anniversary books to be published by Harper, one by Gerald W. Johnson and the other by Dr. Henry Steele Commager. In keeping with the anniversary theme, Mrs. Genevieve Foster, author and illustrator, has agreed to write a book for children and young people to be entitled *Birthdays for Freedom*. Charles Scribner's Sons will publish this book before the end of the year.

Public librarians may find innumerable ways to publicize locally the A.L.A. celebration through press releases, radio programs, film forums and exhibits.

cated in the following cities: Anderson, Bloomington, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Michigan City, Muncie, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, and Terre Haute.

CURRENT ADDITIONS FOR AN INDIANA COLLECTION

Some Books and Pamphlets about Indiana or by Hoosier Authors,
Compiled by HAZEL W. HOPPER, Indiana Division, State Library

BENADUM, CLARENCE. *Bates House*. 1951.
346p. Greenberg, \$3.00.

Bates House is a novel of Civil War days. Margaret Manning, an Alabama girl and David Stone, an Indianapolis lawyer are among the crowd that gathered in front of the Bates House in Indianapolis in February 1861 to hear Lincoln speak from the hotel balcony when he stopped in the city enroute from Springfield to Washington. After Margaret's return to Alabama her friends begin to suspect her of northern sympathies, and because David Stone had helped establish Margaret's rights to valuable property (previously willed to a church) bequeathed her by a bachelor uncle, his loyalty to the Union is questioned. The author is a native Hoosier, and a practicing lawyer at Muncie.

BONN, JOHN LOUIS. *House on the Sands*. 1950. 310p. Doubleday, \$3.00.

House on the Sands is a novel based on the life of Francis MacNutt, a native of Richmond, who became a convert to Catholicism. He became the confidant for three popes and his career was climaxed with the negotiating of the concordat which established the independent Vatican state.

COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL—COLLEGE COOPERATION. *Handbook for High School Counselors*. 1951. 58p. The Committee, 35 cents.

This committee was organized to develop a higher degree of cooperation between the secondary schools and the colleges and universities in Indiana. The Committee is composed of high school principals, city and town superintendents, county superintendents, and college representatives. The information included in the pamphlet about the colleges, consists of the entrance requirements, church affiliation, curricular offerings, costs and scholarship information and accreditation. James Farmer, principal of Richmond High School, was chairman of

the committee for 1949-50, and George Schumacher, director of student information at Butler University, Indianapolis, is chairman, 1950-51.

INDIANA DIVISION. INDIANA STATE LIBRARY. *Free and Inexpensive Material about Indiana*. January 1951. 2p. Mimeographed. Free.

..... *Indiana History and Government for Schools*. January 1951. 3p. Mimeographed. Free.

These lists were compiled by the Indiana Division of the State Library giving suggestions about material on Indiana which can be acquired upon request, purchased, or borrowed from the State Library. The lists were made as an aid for the Indiana history courses in the high schools and grades.

MYERS, BURTON DORR. *Trustees and Officers of Indiana University, 1820 to 1950*. 1951. 537p. Indiana University.

This work lists the trustees and officers of Indiana University with biographical sketches and portraits of each. It was begun by John W. Cravens, late registrar of Indiana University. William A. Alexander, former University librarian, took up the work after Mr. Craven's death and the book was completed by Dr. Burton D. Myers, who was dean emeritus of the School of Medicine. It is a very valuable book historically, and the result of many years of research work.

NOLAN, JEANNETTE C., GREGORY, HORACE, and FARRELL, JAMES T. *Poet of the People, an Evaluation of James Whitcomb Riley*. 1951. 106p. Indiana University Press, \$2.00.

These three essays, a publication of the new Indiana University Press, were presented originally as a symposium at Indiana University in connection with the celebration of the

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centennial of Riley's birth in 1949. The essays present three aspects of the question of Riley as a creative artist: Riley as a children's poet by Jeannette Nolan, James Whitcomb Riley: A Victorian, by Horace Gregory, and The Frontier and James Whitcomb Riley by James T. Farrell. This book on the Hoosier poet is an Indiana item not only because of Riley but also because Mrs. Nolan is a native of Evansville.

ROCKWELL, JOHN R., editor. *Meet Mr. Wabash at Mid Century*. 1950. 173p. The editor, \$5.00.

The aim of this book is to "show through pictures the progress of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and children during the last one hundred and fifty years." The project was an important contribution to the community in the sesquicentennial celebration of the Indiana Territory. It not only covers the early history of the locality but gives information on present day organizations and industries. The book is for sale by the Wabash Chamber of Commerce.

VAN EVERY, DALE. *Bridal Journey*. 1950. 311p. Messner, \$3.00.

This is an historical novel of the Old Northwest. Marah Blake travelled beyond the Ohio to marry Colby Gower. She came within sight of the fort where he was awaiting her and then disappeared into the wilderness. *Bridal Journey* is the story of Marah's experiences as a slave prisoner to an Indian chief and Colby's attempt to rescue her. The book has a "wealth of details of Indian life and of George Rogers Clark's expedition."

WARD, MARY JANE. *A Little Night Music*. 1950. 244p. Random House, \$3.00.

Elizabeth Chapin, on the eve of her fortieth birthday listens to "the night music of the past." She had always had a great adoration for her father, now dead, and in her introspection she realizes what her father's domination has cost her in happiness. Within two days Elizabeth's whole life changes as she "frees herself from the dead hand of the past

and learns that life at forty still holds the promise of fulfillment and satisfaction."

WEYGAND, JAMES LAMAR. *Hoosier: Variation on a Theme*. 1950. 21p. Nappanee. The author, \$2.00.

The edition of this little book giving the various meanings for the word Hoosier is limited to 150 copies and was printed on a hand press from the author's own hand set type. Mr. Weygand has published several other books, among which was a biography of John Finley, author of the book *The Hoosier's Nest and other Poems*. He has also written several books about his home town, Nappanee.

RARE BOOK DEFINED

People (librarians included) often wonder whether a book they have is rare or has a high value. It's a difficult question to answer. Here are eight rules laid down by Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian of the University of California at Los Angeles, when he was asked, "What makes a rare book?"

(1) All books printed before 1600; American books before 1820. (2) Limited editions of 300 copies or less; autographed books; first editions of significance. (3) Books of esthetic importance—fine printing, illustration or binding. (4) Books which cost more than \$50. (5) Items of local or archival interest, including local fine press books. (6) Books containing fine plates or fragile makeup. (7) Special collection volumes—unit acquisitions which need to be kept together. (8) Books with significant manuscript or other materials laid or glued in.

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SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE

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ISLA HOLDS TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

Indiana school librarians met on the Indiana University campus for the 5th annual Indiana School Librarians Association conference, April 6 and 7.

Friday morning Harry Armson, a representative of the Demco Company, gave a book mending demonstration in the new education building which joins the laboratory school. After a coffee hour in the school cafeteria, Mary Louise Mann, librarian, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, led a discussion on "School Library Problems". This session was well attended and proved to be helpful to many who raised questions.

North Central Standards

In the afternoon, Thelma M. Stout, president of I.S.L.A., presided over the general session. After greetings from Dean W. W. Wright of the School of Education, Dr. Carl Franzen, chairman, Indiana State Committee of the North Central Association, talked about library standards and criteria. He reviewed the history, progress, and vital role played by his committee in establishing school library standards and upgrading the school libraries in North Central Schools, and he gave us his interpretation of the standards.

Nancy Hoyle, associate director of library service, F. E. Compton Company, spoke on

the subject of revision of an encyclopedia. She emphasized the fact that revision is a continuous process, which involves many intricate problems unknown to the average person. She stressed the fact that experts are used to insure accuracy of content.

Marian Webb, Fort Wayne, talked on the topic, "Book Fare". Miss Webb, a former children's librarian, now offers her experience to us as a consultant for juvenile books, gives book talks, does indexing and bibliographic work. She distributed a book list which she had prepared and discussed many of the titles included.

Librarians enjoyed a tour of the as yet unoccupied education building which provides new quarters for the Indiana University Library Science Division. One of the outstanding features of the building is the use of bright war colors in interior decorating.

Dennis William Banquet Speaker

At dinner in Alumni Hall, Donald French, Liberty, was toastmaster. Librarians were greeted by Margaret Rufsvold, director of library science at Indiana University, who introduced the speaker, Dennis Williams, of Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc.

Mr. Williams pointed out that using audio-visual materials is a relatively simple process and that the operation of equipment

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can be learned very easily. The use of this media has proved its value as a most effective teaching device. Librarians can play an important role in correlating these materials with books and promoting their use to enrich classroom teaching. Mr. Williams also showed three color films, "Rome, the Eternal City", "Jerusalem, the Holy City", and "The Monarch Butterfly".

Committee Reports

In the Saturday morning business meeting, copies of committee reports were distributed. The Research Committee presented an extensive statistical study of Indiana school libraries based on the state reports for 1949-50 submitted to the State Department of Education. Surveys were made on (1) the time given the librarian for library work, (2) instruction given to student body in use of books and libraries, (3) instruction and credit given to student assistants, and (4) magazines available in the schools.

These reports are valuable to the average school librarian individually in that she can compare her school library with others in regard to the data presented. They are valuable to I.S.L.A. as an indication of progress or lack of it in various areas and can be used as a basis for future planning.

Orpha Book, New President

Orpha Book, Elkhart High School, was elected president of the Association at the business session. Other officers are: vice-president, Margaret Butz, Lawrence High School; secretary, Maysel Baker, Indiana University; treasurer, Mae King, Richmond High School; and historian, Ruth Espenlaub, Whiting High School.

Myrtle Moberg, South Bend, introduced

the luncheon speaker, Isabelle Lawrence, an author who spoke about her literary adventures by land and air. Miss Lawrence's comments on her trips to England and Scotland were as interesting as her fascinating experiences as a reporter for the *Boston Transcript*. She now teaches in the Girls Latin School in Chicago.

Marion Grady, librarian at Ball State Teachers College, Nelle McCalla, assistant professor at Indiana State Teachers College, and Margaret Rufsvold, director of Library Science, Indiana University, acted as consultants for the afternoon discussion groups held for elementary librarians, part-time librarians, and full-time librarians.

Maysel Baker, Margaret Rufsvold and Nina Mahaffey, librarian, Bloomington High School, were in charge of local arrangements. A number of commercial exhibitors had displays of books and library materials in the University School library.

BOOKMOBILE STANDARDS

The final report of the Bookmobile Standards Committee, A.L.A. Extension Division, has been published. Basic specifications and recommendations for medium and large self powered units with both inside and inside-outside shelving are given, compiled from suggestions submitted by state and regional sub-committees. Serving on Indiana's sub-committee were Mary Holmes, Logansport, Susanna B. Wood, New Castle, and Lena B. Nofcier, who at the time this work was carried out was head of the State Library's Extension Division. The report may be obtained from Sturgis Printing Company, Sturgis, Michigan, at \$1 per copy or six copies for \$5.

SCHOOL SERVICE IS EXPANDED

Exciting developments during the 1951 session of the Indiana General Assembly in regard to school libraries provide opportunity for substantial progress for this state in library service to schools.

School library advisory service has been available in Indiana for over 20 years. Prior to 1945 it was provided through the Extension Division of the State Library. In 1945 the director of the State Library and the state superintendent of Public Instruction with their respective boards decided, after due deliberation and consultation with those interested in developing school libraries, that such advisory service should stem chiefly from the State Department of Education. As a result the service was transferred and enlarged under the sponsorship of both state agencies and the Division of School Libraries and Teaching Materials began its work.

Since the work of this Division has proved to be effective and to meet a need in the state educational program, it was felt that the Division of School Libraries and Teaching Materials should now be established as a permanent part of the State Department of Education. To do this involved writing a bill that would become a statute in the school laws of Indiana and would give the Division of School Libraries and Teaching Materials a status equal to other divisions in the State Department of Education which have been established by law. Some of these are the Vocational Division, the School Inspection Division, and the School Building and Planning Division.

With this in mind the assistance and advice of Harold F. Brigham, director of the State Library; Wilbur Young, the State

Superintendent of Public Instruction-elect; Thelma Stout, the president of the Indiana School Librarians Association; Leonard Smith, the I.S.L.A. legislative chairman; and library training school people was obtained. The context of the proposed bill was then drawn up and submitted to the proper authorities to be drafted as House Bill 267.

H.B. 267, entitled "A Bill for an Act authorizing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the General Commission of the State Board of Education to establish a Division of School Libraries and Teaching Materials within the State Department of Public Instruction," was introduced January 29, 1951; passed by the House February 21 and by the Senate March 1. It was signed by the Governor, March 5.

The bill authorizes the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the State Library, upon the approval of their respective boards, to appoint and jointly finance a State Director of School Libraries and Teaching Materials.

It also authorizes the State Department of Public Instruction to cooperate with school library training institutions in providing field consultants for school libraries such as the one existing now at Indiana State Teachers College. Such field service would be provided whenever ways and means can be worked out with these institutions.

This new law will insure permanent consideration of school libraries as an integral part of the educational program at the state level, which can mean increased help at the local level in school library development.

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RECRUITING—A CHALLENGE

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We as librarians are fully aware of the present need and coming greater need for trained personnel in our field. We have sat in on discussions of this problem; we have read articles about it, and have worked on committees. Exactly what the most effective methods are in drawing desirable young people into the field is, of course, the question.

Several projects have been undertaken both by the I.L.A. and I.S.L.A. recruitment committees. However, in this drive to interest likely people in librarianship as a career, the efforts of every practicing librarian in Indiana are needed.

This, then, is a direct appeal to YOU, Miss Librarian, and to YOU, Mr. Librarian, to enlist yourself as a committee of one in your community to help in this campaign.

Quite recently the I.L.A. prepared and printed a folder on librarianship, "There's Romance and a Future in Books." If you have not as yet received copies, you may contact Inez Paul, South Bend Public Library or Elizabeth Burton, U. S. Naval Ordnance Library, Indianapolis, co-chairmen, Recruiting Committee.

Another pamphlet, "A Date with your Future", may be secured from I.S.L.A. by writing the Director of School Libraries, State Department of Public Instruction. With graduation drawing near, this is an opportune time to publicize the library field to high school seniors.

An enticing companion-piece to display at the same time is information on the scholarships and loans offered by both I.L.A. and I.S.L.A. The I.S.L.A. will make loans of

\$50 and \$100 annually to high school graduates or university undergraduates with no restrictions on choice of school. Details of the plan may be obtained from Edna Gill-ogly, chairman, Scholarship Committee, Muessel School, South Bend. The I.L.A. offers both scholarships and loans to graduate and undergraduate students in library science. Mary Holmes, librarian, Logansport Public Library, is chairman of Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee.

Although school librarians are perhaps in a more strategic position to capture likely people because of their close association with high school students, recruiting can and should be carried on jointly by public, special, and school librarians.

Broadcasts Effective Publicity

If local broadcasting facilities are available, programs cooperatively planned and sponsored by the various librarians in a community are an effective way of showering information upon the public. This has been done in some places.

Career days in high schools with various kinds of librarians participating are another means of spreading our story.

Newspapers sometimes publish articles on vocational guidance from time to time. Let us each resolve to have an article on library service in our local paper before too many moons have passed.

Librarians should take advantage of every opportunity to use students or other young people as assistants, whenever that is possible. A great many people have become librarians after having had a taste of it in that way.

HOOSIER STUDENTS MEET

By NANCY MUELLER, student assistant, Arsenal Technical High School,
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"We like these student librarians conferences. We all think it so much fun to meet with other librarians from over the state! Isn't it fine that our state should be one of the first to organize a student librarians association."

These are comments overheard at the smash success Hoosier Student Librarians Association conference held Saturday, April 21 at Broad Ripple High School, under the direction of Jane Colsher, Ripple librarian. Approximately 400 attended this invitational meeting sponsored by the School Librarians Discussion Club of Indianapolis and Marion County.

Circus Theme for Exhibits

With an "Under the Big Top" circus theme, registration took place in the gaily arrayed library, among "side show" exhibits prepared by the various local school librarians and their students. These included attractive photographs of library clubs and school library activities. Exquisite silk screen prints, and a unique display of books and printing were borrowed from the Indianapolis Childrens Museum for the occasion.

At 9:45 a frolicking clown and two strutting majorettes paraded us to the auditorium for a "Howdy Do" ice breaker. Charles Nakarai introduced the topics of the group discussions which followed. These were mending demonstrations, new books, publicity, books you may have missed, library clubs, and elementary school libraries.

Luncheon was served under the "Big Top" with a welcome from Fred Murphy, principal of Broad Ripple, and an introduction of H.S.L.A. officers, and visitors from Ohio. School librarians from four Ohio cities, interested in starting a similar project in that state, attended the meeting to observe the organization at work. Mrs. Rosalee Spong, director of the Concert Club, presented numbers with circus themes.

Pin for Students Suggested

At the business meeting following the luncheon, presided over by Earlene Wright, Lawrence Central School, general announcements were made. This two year old organization has a membership of 393 members of which 63 are new this year. There was discussion on having a state pin for students belonging to H.S.L.A. and a committee was named to investigate this matter. The question of having district meetings was raised. The group also decided to take up a free will offering to be used in sending CARE-UNESCO book packages to children in other countries. Enough money was collected to send three packages.

Wilma Rugh, Arsenal Technical High School, introduced the Tech radio expression class and its director, Mrs. Ressie Fix. They presented a clever skit entitled "Give us Books." The script is available from the Arsenal Technical High School Library, Indianapolis, for 25 cents.

Mabel Leigh Hunt, well known Hoosier author, was guest speaker.

